

Victim Rights Law Center

April Newsletter



Dear Friends,

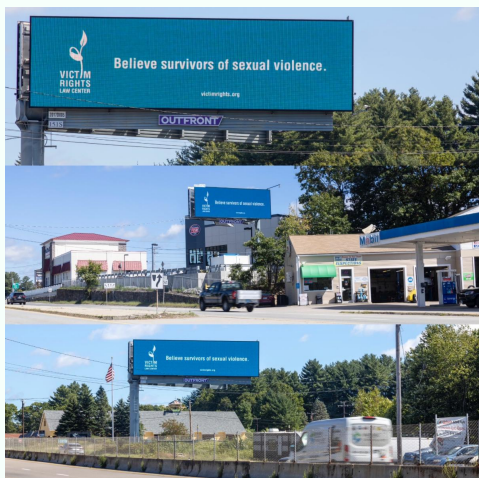
It's Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)! April brings us an incredible sense of community as our staff enjoys opportunities to attend SAAM activities all month long. From events, trainings and organized walks, to big beautiful community gatherings, it is an honor to spend time with our compassionate and committed allies in the anti-sexual violence movement. Although our organizations bring awareness to sexual violence every day through our critical work and coordinated response, there is joy this month as we proudly highlight our services together.

As this year marks the VRLC's 20th anniversary, we will continue to gather in celebration into the months ahead. In June, both our Portland, OR and Boston, MA offices will host special events. September will bring our celebratory [Shining Star Gala](#) at the Artists for Humanity Epicenter in Boston, and in October we will once again bring lawyers and advocates together for the inspiring [National Sexual Violence Law Conference](#). We are honored to invite you to join us as we continue to bring awareness to sexual violence throughout the year.

In gratitude,
Stacy Malone
Executive Director

VRLC IN THE NEWS

Spreading the Word for SAAM



Thanks to the generosity of [OUTFRONT Media](#) our "Believe Survivors of Sexual Assault" message is getting the super-sized display it deserves for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Billboards in Massachusetts will showcase the VRLC along well-traveled routes during the month of April.

SAAM on Sports Radio

Tune your radio to 98.5 The Sports Hub and WEEI New England Sports Radio in Massachusetts to hear VRLC Deputy Director Stephanie Holt featured in spots highlighting Sexual Assault Awareness Month all month long. Thank you to Michael Feldman and Feldman Geospatial for providing this amazing opportunity to spread awareness.



Calling for Change

The nomination of Attorney Michael Delaney to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit highlights the need to ask all judicial nominees questions concerning their handling of cases involving sexual violence during their careers. Read VRLC's statement [here](#).

EVENTS

On Campus

VRLC Attorney Moire Balsam worked an information table for a recent Clothesline Project event at Holy Cross. Clothesline Project events invite survivors and those impacted by sexual assault to design t-shirts as visual representations of the impact of their shared experiences.



In the Community



One of the many advocate trainings and community gatherings attended this month in both Massachusetts and Oregon, VRLC representatives visited Saheli, a Massachusetts-based nonprofit providing services to South Asian and Arab domestic violence survivors and their children.

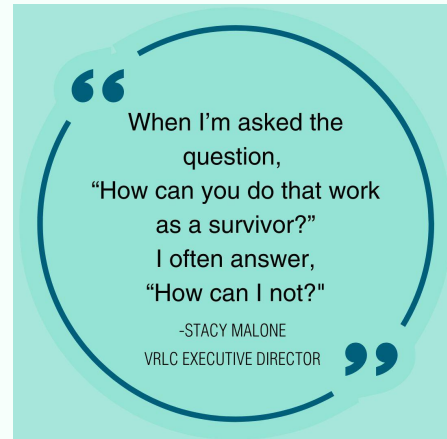
VRLC in NYC

The VRLC is headed to New York City! Thank you to our VRLC Board members for hosting an intimate 20th anniversary celebration next month where new and old friends will discuss the VRLC's national programs. [Goulston & Storrs](#) will also host the VRLC at their NYC office for a meet and greet event to discuss VRLC's pro bono partnerships. We are grateful for the opportunity to bring together our pro bono community in NYC.

Interested in hosting a fundraiser, house party or an event at your firm or company? Email us at vrlc@victimrights.org.

STAND UP, SPEAK UP

We're proud to announce the launch of [Stand Up, Speak Up - A VRLC Blog](#). In the spirit of honoring survivors during SAAM, our inaugural entry is a personal post from VRLC Executive Director Stacy Malone highlighting the complexity of being a survivor entrenched in the anti-sexual violence movement. Read it [here](#) and keep an eye out for policy takes and perspectives from other VRLC staff in the coming months.



GET INVOLVED

Donate: SAAM and Beyond



The incredible AmazonSmile program to support charities has ended. This monthly revenue was very impactful to helping us serve individual survivors. Would you consider becoming a monthly donor at \$20?

Please help us show survivors that we stand with them this SAAM and every month. Donate [here](#) today!

New VRLC Merch

SAAM is the perfect time to show support for the VRLC! Spread awareness while you sip coffee or run errands with official apparel and merchandise featuring conversation-starting slogans highlighting the VRLC and survivors. Check out our mugs to t-shirts, hoodies and more [here](#).



Since 2003, the Victim Rights Law Center has worked to provide survivors with free legal services to help restore their lives and promote a national movement seeking justice for rape and sexual assault survivors. Learn more about our efforts [here](#).

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